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1 AN ACT Relating to the prevention of hate crimes; creating new
2 sections; and providing an expiration date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is a rise
5 in hate crimes and incidents involving display of hate symbols.
6 Students in our public schools need to be educated about the effects on
7 others of expressions of hate in order to prevent future expressions of
8 hate against individuals or groups.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The superintendent of public instruction
10 shall establish a task force to develop and make available to school
11 districts curriculum material and programs designed to reduce the
12 incidence of hatred against individuals and groups. Curriculum
13 material and programs may include, but are not limited to, written
14 material, media presentations, speakers, dramatic presentations, and
15 humanitarian awards. Information regarding awareness of gang symbols
16 and cultural and ethnic awareness and knowledge should be incorporated
17 into the curriculum materials. The task force also shall develop
18 recommendations for teacher training and preparation, and establish

1 goals for state-wide distribution and dissemination of the task force's
2 curriculum material and programs. The task force shall complete its
3 work by June 1, 1995.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Members of the task force established in
5 section 1 of this act shall be appointed jointly by the office of the
6 governor and the office of the superintendent of public instruction.
7 The task force shall include, but is not limited to, individuals
8 representing school directors, school district administrators,
9 teachers, counselors, civil liberty attorneys, and state-wide
10 organizations representing minority communities and populations.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall expire
12 June 30, 1995.

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